

Remarks

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 20, 2009 in the above-identified patent application.

5 Status of the Claims

The original claims 1-52 were canceled and new claims 53-79 submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed in response to a final Office Action in the subject application. Claims 53-79 are now subject to restriction.

Applicants appreciate and acknowledge entry of the submission filed September 10, 2009.

10 Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the election made herein.

Restriction/Election

In the current Action, restriction is required under 35 USC 121 and 372. The Restriction sets out the following groups:

Group I, claims 53-71 and 76-79, drawn to a compressed pharmaceutical dosage form;

15 Group II, claims 72 and 73, drawn to a method of breaking a pharmaceutical dosage form;

Group III, claim 55 (sic), drawn to a method of administering a partial dose of a drug.

Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 53-71, drawn to the compressed pharmaceutical dosage form.

20 Group II claims 72-73 and Group III claim 75, are withdrawn from consideration pursuant to this election. Applicants note the Group III claim is apparently claim 75 and have treated the identification of claim "55" as a typographical error. The election of Group I makes this moot.

Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request issuance of the Notice of Allowance forthwith.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the address and/or phone number
5 provided below if clarification or additional information is needed on any of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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